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Proceedings Spring Session, 1905.

PLEASANT GROVE, Union County, N. C.,
May 6th, 1905.

Assembled at the stand at eleven a. m., and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. F. Mills. Text, 1st and 2nd verses of 21st chapter of Proverbs. Intermission one hour. Then assembled in the house and proceeded to business, after praise and prayer.

1. Call for and read letters from the several churches and their status noted.

2. Elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder W. F. Broadway of Abbots took a seat.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats. Brethren J. B. Hulin and J. A. Monsess of Abbots Creek took seats. Also Elder J. T. Coats of Little River, Elder Thomas Bell of Mill Branch, Brother H. W. Johnson of Country Line, and Brethren Elias Brown, Thomas Brown and Robert Brown of South Carolina were present and seated.

5. Appointed a committee of arrangements as follows: Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr and N. G. Jones, with Moderator and Clerk.

6. Elected by ballot to preach at the stand on tomorrow: Elders J. T. Coats, Thomas Bell, W. T. Broadway and J. A. Monsess.

7. Adjourned to 9 a. m. Monday. Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday while the Association was in session in the house, Elders Thomas Bell and J. T. Coats preached at the stand much to the comfort of the Lord's followers.

Sunday Morning, May 7th.

Elder Thomas Bell preached from 1st and 2nd verses of 4th chapter of Romans, followed by Elder J. T. Coats from St. John 3rd chapter and 2nd verse. Intermission one hour. Then worship continued at the stand by Elder

J. A. Monsess from Hebrews 10th chapter and 7th verse, and closed by Elder W. T. Broadway from Hebrews 10th and 8th. The word was preached with the ability that God giveth, and we thank the good Lord for sending such ministers of His covenant among us and hope they will come again. CLERK.

Monday Morning, May 8th.

Assembled in the house pursuant to adjournment at 9 a. m. Praise and prayer by Elder Henry Taylor.

8. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and adopted.

9. Called names of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

10. Called on Presbyteries to report, when the Moderator reported that himself and Elder H. M. Williams and Deacon Joel Mullis formed a Presbytery at Pleasant Grove on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, 1905, and ordained Brother Ben Thomas a deacon of same.

11. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

12. That we now adjourn to time and place mentioned in last minutes. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

Monday while the Association was in session in the house Elders J. T. Coats, W. T. Broadway and Henry Taylor preached at the stand. Thus ended a good and harmonious meeting. "Praise ye the Lord." CLERK.

MESSENGERS SPRING SESSION, 1905.

Bear Creek—Aaron Furr, W. H. Hatley, Daniel Furr.

Bethany—W. A. Dry, N. G. Jones, A. D. Maness*.

Crooked Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, S. C. Jones, H. E. Rowell.

Clarks Grove—J. T. Howell, E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker*.

Freedom—Elder Jesse Brown*, J. A. Holt*.

High Hill—J. J. Hill, C. A. Helmes, S. A. Helmes.

Howards Chapel—Henry Carpenter, J. S. Curlee*, L. A. Whitley.

Jones Hill—F. Curlee*, A. E. Little, J. F. Greene.

Jerusalem—Joe Thomas, Arch Helms, Jas. Godwin.

Liberty—John Eason*, Myers Medlin.

Liberty Hill—Elder H. M. Williams, A. G. Helmes, R. McIntire.

Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, E. W. German.

Meadow Creek—J. A. Barbee*, D. M. Hathcock*.

Mountain Creek—Charlie Safly*, J. C. Miller*, A. F. Huneycutt*.

Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helmes, Ben Thomas, J. T. Tice.

Pleasant Hill—J. S. Norris*, H. P. Cashen*.

Union Grove—Joe Baucom, J. T. Price, C. S. Medlin.

Watson—Joel Mullis, E. C. Williams, W. E. Williams.

Absentees marked thus *.



Proceedings Fall Session, 1905.

LIBERTY HILL, Stanley County, N. C.,
September 30th, 1905.

Met at the stand at 11 o'clock and introductory sermon delivered by Elder A. G. Morton. Text, 4th verse of 10th chapter of 2nd Corinthians. Intermission one hour. Then the ministers and messengers present assembled in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Harrelson. Then proceeded to business, Elder J. F. Mills presiding.

1. Called for and read letters from the several churches, Bro. H. M. Baucom acting as reading clerk.

2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats.

4. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.

5. Appointed on committee of arrangements Brethren S. L. Mullis, J. D. Helms, N. G. Jones and Moderator and Clerk.

6. Appointed Brethren James Godwin and S. A. Helmes a committee of finance.

7. Elected by ballot Elders S. C. Little, J. E. Williams, W. T. Broadway and B. H. Harrelson to preach at the stand on tomorrow, service to commence at 10 a. m.

8. Adjourned to half past nine Monday morning. Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday afternoon Elders B. H. Harrelson and W. T. Broadway preached at the stand.

Sunday Morning, October 1st.

A large concourse of people assembled around the stand by ten o'clock and service opened with praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Gallemore. Elder S. C. Little preached from 1st Cor. 1st chapter and 20th verse, followed by Elder B. H. Harrelson from St. John 10th chapter and 1st to 5th verses. Intermission of one hour. Reassembled at the stand in the afternoon and service continued by Elder J.

E. Williams who preached from 1st verse of 103rd Psalm. Elder W. T. Broadway then closed the preaching of the day from 11th to 13th verses of the 7th chapter of Hebrews. The assemblage of people was estimated to run into thousands, and good behavior prevailed. The preaching was ably done and we believe that God was honored and glorified and the saints strenthened and edified. CLERK.

Monday Morning, October 2nd.

Assembled pursuant to adjournment in the house at half past nine a. m. Praise and prayer by Elder Henry Taylor.

9. Called on committee of arrangements to report. Report read and adopted.

10. Called names of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

11. Called on corresponding messengers to sister associations to report. Brother D. B. Howard reported that himself and part of the other brethren appointed visited the Abbotts Creek Association and had a good meeting. Those failing to attend were excused.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Bro. L. M. Hinson of Abbotts Creek and Elder B. H. Harrelson of Mill Branch reported and were welcomed. Also welcomed and seated as visitors the following: From Mill Branch, Bro. Ison Hinson; from Country Line, Bro. Willie Monsess; from Abbotts Creek, Brethren Sam Snyder, Frank Owens, R. F. Strange, Henry Monsess, Pink Williams, A. N. Surrat, Kemie Morgan and Elders W. T. Broadway and W. R. Gallemore.

13. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows: To Mill Branch, Elders J. F. Mills, Jesse Brown, Walter Edwards, and Brethren W. E. Williams and S. Edwards, and minutes; to Abbotts Creek, Elders J. E. Williams, J. F. Mills, Jesse Brown and Brethren J. W. Jones, W. E. Williams, Joel Mullis, D. B. and P. A. Howard, L. Williams, J. H. Hinson, Aaron Furr, J. T. Helmes, and minutes; to Silver Creek, Elder H. M. Williams, and file of minutes; to Senter, file of minutes; to Mountain District, file of minutes.

14. Called on Presbyteries to report. No. report.

15. That our Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be printed in these minutes.

16. Treasurer reports on hands from last year \$6.65. The Association then donated this sum jointly to Elders S. C. Little and J. F. Mills.

17. Finance committee reports sent up by the churches this year \$26.75.

18. That our next Spring Session be held with the church at Jerusalem, Anson county, N. C., ten miles north of Peachland on C. C. R. R., commencing on Saturday before 1st Sunday in May, 1906, and that Elder J. E. Williams preach the introductory sermon, Elder A. G. Morton alternate; and that the Fall Session be held with the church at Bear Creek, Stanly county, N. C., eight miles west of Albemarle on Southern R. R., commencing on Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, 1906, and that Elder J. F. Mills preach the introductory sermon, Elder Walter Edwards alternate.

19. That the clerk ask Elder Gold to publish the times and meetings of next year's sittings in the Landmark.

20. That the Clerk have 700 copies of these minutes printed, and be allowed \$6.00 for his services.

21. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

22. That we now adjourn to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the Moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk,

Marshville, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

Monday while the Association was in session in the house Elders Henry Taylor and Walter Edwards preached at the stand. We hope we are thankful to the Lord for his goodness and mercy to us, and for the interest in the cause of truth as manifested at this meeting. CLERK.

8. BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1905.

Sent up by the churches this year	\$26.75
For printing these minutes.....	\$14.00
Allowance to clerk.....	6.00
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Total expenses.....	\$20.00
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Left in treasury.....	\$ 6.75



ANNUAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION.
Bear Creek	Aaron Furr, John Lewis, Daniel Furr
Bethany	N. G. Jones, W. A. Dry
Crooked Creek	Elder J. E. Williams, W. D. Benton, H. E. Rowell
Clarks Grove	E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker, J. C. Hartsell
Freedom	Elder Jesse Brown, J. A. Holt*
High Hill	Elder H. Taylor, J. D. Helmes, S. A. Helmes
Howards Chapel	W. H. Poplin, D. B. Howard, W. H. Howard
Jones Hill	A. E. Little, R. T. Burris, Fulton Curlee
Jerusalem	Joe Thomas, Arch Helmes*, James Godwin
Liberty	J. W. Helmes*
Liberty Hill	Edler H. M. Williams, A. G. Helmes, W. H. Hinson
Lawyers Spring	J. W. Jones, Thomas Tyson, H. M. Baucom
Meadow Creek	J. A. Barbee, D. M. Hathcock
Mountain Creek	J. C. Miller, A. F. Huneycutt, Paul Safely
Pleasant Hill	H. P. Cashen, J. M. Stamper*
Pleasant Grove	L. Williams, Ben Thomas, T. A. Helmes
Union Grove	T. A. McClellan, I. N. Medlin, T. F. Hill
Watson	S. L. Mullis, W. E. Williams, E. C. Williams
18 Churches.	Total, 2522 Absentees marked thus *.

ANNUAL COMMUNION MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	THE ANNUAL COMMUNION MEETING TIME OF EACH CHURCH.
Bear Creek	Aaron Furr	Bloomington, N. C. 1st Sun. in Aug.
Bethany	N. G. Jones	Knott's Store, " 3rd Sun. in Aug.
Crooked Creek	W. D. Benton	Monroe, " 3rd Sun. in July
Clarks Grove	J. F. Howell	Big Lick, " 2nd Sun. in July
High Hill	S. A. Helmes	Monroe, " 1st Sun. in Sept.
Howards Chapel	W. H. Poplin	Efrd's Mill, " 4th Sun. in Sept.
Jones Hill	J. S. Little	Big Lick, " 3rd Sun. in Sept.
Jerusalem	Jas. Godwin	Olive Branch, " 2nd Sun. in Aug.
Liberty	J. W. Helmes	Monroe, " 4th Sun. in July
Liberty Hill	W. H. Hinson	Albemarle, " 4th Sun. in July
Lawyers Spring	J. W. Jones	Marshville, " 1st Sun. in Aug.
Meadow Creek	D. M. Hathcock	Georgeville, " 3rd Sun. in Aug.
Mountain Creek	A. F. Huneycutt	Bridgeport, " 2nd Sun. in Oct.
Pleasant Grove	L. Williams	Marshville, " 2nd Sun. in July
Pleasant Hill	J. S. Norris	Statesville, " 4th Sun. in June
Union Grove	L. N. Medlin	Monroe, " 2nd Sun. in Sept.
Freedom	J. A. Holt	Whitley, " 1st Sun. in Sept.
Watson	S. L. Mullis	Sincerity, " 4th Sun. in May

The above dates, including Saturday before, also represent the regular monthly meeting time of the churches.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all the members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reprov'd by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper, that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

